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MINE SECURITY
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the preventive measures taken at the level of the Directorate General of the Mine Safety (DGMS) to stop the reoccurrence of the accidents like Bagdighi Mine disaster of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL);

(b) whether the DGMS has issued any guidelines to the management of BCCL in view of the monsoon and likely dangers of the underground mines;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the efforts are being made that the guidelines are complied with; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR)

(a): The Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) has taken following measures to prevent the recurrence of accidents like Bagdighi Mine disaster:-

(i) The recommendations made by the Bagdighi Court of Inquiry were circulated to all mine managements for their compliance.

(ii) The Mine Management have been instructed to conduct check survey and make the plan of all underground coal mines up-to-date. DGMS is also undertaking a drive to inspect all underground coal mines to ensure the compliance.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The DGMS has issued guidelines to all the managements of coal mines of BCCL, before the onset of the monsoon for taking precautionary measures in their mines during the monsoon period to guard against inrush of surface water into mines.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): A special drive was undertaken to see the compliance of guidelines issued by the DGMS. Action for non-compliance by BCCL mines was taken in ten cases, by way of prohibiting/restricting employment in their underground workings during the period from 15th June to 31st October.